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GLADIOLUS HYBRIDISTS

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TO OUR GLADIOLUS FRIENDS:

Warmest Greetings from Don & Audrey Walker! This small pamphlet is not just a list of our own gladiolus introductions but a means of personal contact with you, the true glad fancier. May you have Happy Holidays and a Great Growing Season in '63!

HARMONY HILL GLADS is an enterprise operated by a husband and wife team: two people who are sincerely devoted to the creation and dissemination of new glad varieties of real value and distinction. This is our policy:

1. At present our catalogue is restricted to our own originations, which will be obtainable only from us upon their introduction.
2. No seedling will be introduced unless we are convinced through exhaustive trials, usage by florists and exhibition at shows, that the variety is attractive, different, healthy and of value to the industry and/or the hobbyist.
3. We pledge that we will give our customers the truth, as we know it, regarding every introduction. We stand behind our product.
4. Introductory prices will be geared to a variety's propagative powers and its probable use. Wherever possible there will be economical quantity prices for cataloguers and cutflower men.
5. It's strictly cash, check or money order on the old barrelhead.

TERMS OF SALE

The terms of sale are listed on the back of the enclosed order sheet. We do not wish to sell less than 3 bulbs of a variety, for it is our experience, with varieties we purchase, that less than 3 bulbs is not a fair trial.

For the first time we are offering bulbs at the 100 price and will sell no less than 25 at that rate.

Our term, "Assorted Bulbs" means that you will get the best sizes available, or overcounts if the sizes are small. We have received no complaint about our sizes or counts, which are far more generous than the average.

THE D & A WALKER SEEDLINGS

Early in our hybridizing some key crosses were made that involved strong classic lines which were being neglected. Often we reached back to older, more basic varieties rather than their modern offspring. These powerful strains were crossed with new, ruffled developments, always striving to eliminate common parentages. We are now into the second and third generation from these first crosses and the effort is beginning to pay off. Great health and vigor, combined with new color values, are resulting. We are breeding tough glads: much of our land is heavy and stony; a variety will not grow well at Harmony Hill unless it is strong. Seedling selection is made with three values in mind, in this order: commercial cut-flower use; exhibition possibilities; value for artistic and decorative arrangements.

We have learned to take care of a prospective introduction, for we are convinced that much of the disease in gladiolus results from infection that occurs in the first few years of propagation of a variety. The bulblets of all our introductions are grown either in new ground or in fields that have been under cover crops for five years or more.

Our introductions have been grown for a long time, are in demand by florists and flower-lovers and have been exhibited at many shows, where they have received high honors. For the hybridizers they represent breeding lines that are unobtainable elsewhere.

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QUANTITIES TO ORDER: You may order any quantity, or any number of units, of a variety you wish as long as it is three bulbs or more. We will not sell less than three bulbs of a variety. Discounts for quantity orders are incorporated in the attractive prices for larger amounts.

"ASSORTED BULBS" means that all such units will be made up, as equally as possible, from large, medium and small bulbs. Naturally, the earlier the order, the choicer the selection. Regardless of the date orders are shipped, they are filled in the sequence they are received.

BULB BONUS will accompany all orders. This may be overcounts on your order or new seedlings of our own for your inspection and comment.

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THE 1962 SEASON

We would like to forget the 1962 growing season, for it was the year of the deer—when Harmony Hill was put out of the cut-flower business just when it was getting profitable. For fifteen years deer have been running through our fields, causing no damage. Last summer they suddenly decided that fresh young glad spikes, just before showing color, were great for dessert. They went wild over them! Bucks and does ate the big ones and the fawns cleaned out the miniatures. We hurriedly built a jury fence around our small "show garden" so that we saved a few spikes for exhibition and hybridizing.

Our farm is in the middle of 3000 acres that have been closed to hunters for some years and the deer herd has grown to over 300. We have received advice from many friends and help from government officials and large chemical companies. Nothing, but nothing will stop the deer except extinction—which is impossible—or an 8 foot, deer-proof fence.

We are therefore out of the cut-flower business, for it is uneconomical to fence in so much land. We will use portable fences on our show garden and unbloomed seedling field and grow bulblets and planting stock of seedlings in the open, where we expect to produce fine bulbs by having the deer top them for us . . . at least we will be using the beasts for something.

This deer disaster came within a whisker of causing us to give up raising glads forever. Just when we were at our lowest, ELEGANCE began to prove that it is not only the fine glad we hoped for, but may quite possibly be a great one, a once-in-a-lifetimer. Later in the season we won Reserve Champion with a fine new 344 and a Grand Champion with MUSIC MAN, a big, red red that we will introduce in 1964. These encouraging developments, plus the first blooming of a few new seedlings that somehow the deer missed, were all that kept us in the gladiolus world, sending you this catalogue from Harmony Hill.

NEW 1963 INTRODUCTIONS ELEGANCE (460)

(Patent Pending)

(Sir Galahad X Oberbayern) X Carribbean

Once in a while a variety comes along that seems worthy of a place among the famous ones. Such, in the opinion of many competent judges is the new ELEGANCE. It is a beautifully sculptured true light lavender with an unmarked, cleanly edged white throat. The lavender is unusual for it contains no trace of rose. The petals are nicely ruffled and are of heavy, durable texture. It regularly makes from 23 to 27 buds, holding 8 to 10 open, depending upon bulb size. Its placement is impeccably formal on a long (32 to 36 inch) flowerhead.

ELEGANCE is the straightest and most powerful grower that we have ever had at Harmony Hill and this includes named varieties as well as seedlings. Out of 150 bulbs grown in our show garden the past season, not one crooked. In fact we feel that ELEGANCE resents stakes! It makes 9 to 11 wide-spread leaves and a long handle.

ELEGANCE is a fabulous propagator and a proven parent. Since it opens perfectly in water after being cut tight and held dry, commercial growers believe it to be a "shipper" and will test it in Florida this winter. It also refrigerates well.

THE RECORD: A full "A" rating from the New Jersey Trial Garden, the first such award in three years. Every bulb, grown under field conditions, produced a perfect spike. ELEGANCE has been named Best Large Seedling at six shows in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. At five of these shows it was acclaimed Grand Champion

(or the equivalent award of "Best in Show"); at the sixth show it was Reserve Champion. ELEGANCE has also won Best Three-Spike twice.

HYBRIDIZER'S NOTE: We bloomed our first seedlings of ELEGANCE this year and it appears that it passes on its great vigor as well as its excellent form and growing habits.

IMPORTANT NOTICE! Application for a Plant Patent on behalf of ELEGANCE has been made. The terms of sale under this patent will be more liberal than previously the custom with patented gladiolus. The purchaser may propagate the variety and freely sell cut flowers produced by his stock. The only restriction is this: no bulbs may be sold without a license from the patent holder. The purpose of the Patent is not to interfere in any way with the hobbyist, but to prevent uncontrolled commercial propagation of the variety.

INTRODUCTORY PRICES: 3 Bulbs, L and M \$10.00
10 Bulbs (assorted sizes) 26.60
100 Bulbs (assorted sizes) 212.80
No Bulblets this year.

TOY TRUMPET (225) (75 Days)

(Abracadabra X Crinklette)

TOY TRUMPET is a fine exhibition miniature. It is a beautiful light orange shading to a brassy yellow center, with faint cream lines radiating outward from the center. The floret is nicely ruffled, of heavy texture and is reminiscent of the "bell" of a brass instrument. It never goes oversize, has formal placement and will make from 21 to 25 buds. It has exceptional opening ability, holding from 8 to 10. TOY TRUMPET is no "buggy whip", but is a delightful, true miniature that can "go all the way". It is an excellent keeper.

HONESTY NOTE: For championship purposes TOY TRUMPET must be grown from a mature bulb. It is not a particularly fast propagator, although satisfactory.

SHOW RECORD: TOY TRUMPET has won three Best Little Seedling Awards and one Little Championship.

PRICES: Trial Unit, 1 L, 1 M, 1 S \$ 3.00
Starter Unit: 10 Assorted Bulbs, 40 Blts. 10.00

GINGERSNAP (296) (78 Days)

(Abracadabra X Crinklette)

GINGERSNAP is a fine contender in a neglected class. It is a clean rosy brown, a light milk chocolate. Neat yellow ribs down the center of the lower petals liven the appearance of the floret. It is nicely ruffled and of heavy texture. It grows a good handle which supports a flower-head of 19 to 21 buds. It holds 6 to 8 open in fine formal placement. GINGERSNAP is a ruffled improvement on its parent, ABRACADABRA.

HONESTY NOTE: GINGERSNAP needs a mature bulb to make its best showing.

HYBRIDIZER'S NOTE: Like all the offspring of ABRACADABRA, GINGERSNAP is a strong parent either way.

SHOW RECORD: GINGERSNAP has won four Best Little Seedling Awards, Keystone ('61), Burholme ('61 & '62) and Maryland ('62).

PRICES: Trial Unit, 1 L, 1 M, 1 S \$ 3.00
Starter Unit: 10 Assorted Bulbs, 40 Blts. 10.00

PREVIOUS INTRODUCTIONS (LARGE)

PARK AVENUE (496) (85 Days) 1962

(White Goddess X Harold K.)

PARK AVENUE is a rich cocoa brown which lightens in the throat. It builds a formal spike with plenty of stretch, capable of 26 buds and can hold 10 open. It is consistent, does not crook and has a good handle. From jumbo bulbs it is a championship contender. We respect it more each year we grow it.

HONESTY NOTE: Like most smokies, left standing open in the field on a blazing sunny day, PARK AVENUE will fade (not burn), so cut early, for it opens well in water.

HYBRIDIZER'S NOTE: A proven parent either way.

PRICES: 3 Exhibition Bulbs	\$ 1.50
10 Assorted Bulbs	4.00
100 Assorted Bulbs	32.00
100 Bulblets	3.00

ALASKA (500) (75 Days) 1961

(Boldface X Leif Ericsson)

ALASKA is a giant white, nicely ruffled and of heavy texture. It will make 19 to 21 buds regularly and hold 7 open on a 34 inch flowerhead. Outstanding features of ALASKA are its earliness for such a big glad, its height in the field (it can reach 7 feet) and its consistency. From small bulbs it makes excellent commercial spikes.

HONESTY NOTE: With such height it is only sensible to plant ALASKA deep. It does not crook but with shallow planting it may sway.

HYBRIDIZER'S NOTE: ALASKA is a proven parent, either way. We are growing on some of its excellent seedlings.

SHOW RECORD: ALASKA has won many Awards, including Best Open 500, Best Large R. I., Best Large 3-Spike, several Best Vases, (Eastern International '60 & '61) and the American Home Award, Maryland G. S., ('59).

PRICES: 3 Exhibition Bulbs	\$ 1.50
10 Assorted Bulbs	4.00
100 Assorted Bulbs	32.00
100 Bulblets	3.00

ALICE BLUE (371) (75 Days) 1961

(Inbred Seedlings from Oberbayern X Chartreuse)

Where is there another commercial blue with the health, handle, head and performance consistency of ALICE BLUE? So it isn't ruffled: the florists don't seem to care or the basket judges either. It is a decorator shade of light blue with a clean cream throat and will hold 7 florets open on a 21 bud spike with a 30 inch head. The handle is generous (so easy to cut) and the whole flower has a graceful, airy appearance. It is a powerful grower and propagator. We are growing many named blues for hybridizing but have found nothing to date as useful in this difficult color range as our own ALICE.

HONESTY NOTE: ALICE BLUE is plain-petalled and is best used in baskets, vases and arrangements.

HYBRIDIZER'S NOTE: ALICE BLUE has proven to be a powerful parent and it works with either blues or greens. Sooner or later something sensational is going to come out of this glad.

SHOW RECORD: Many Best Baskets, including the Eastern International '60 & '61, American Home Award, Long Island G. S., '60.

PRICES: 4 Bulbs, L and M	\$ 1.00
10 Assorted Bulbs	2.00
100 Assorted Bulbs	16.00
100 Bulblets	2.00

BY JUPITER (466) (90 Days) 1961

(Col. Atkinson X Wedgewood K&M)

BY JUPITER is a regal velvety purple with white rib lines on the lower petals livening up the color. It has a long head, big bud count and holds many open. It has gone to 27 buds with a 35 inch head and 11 open. BY JUPITER makes a fine cut flower from any size bulb.

HONESTY NOTE: BY JUPITER has a heavy but very flexible stem which is a bit too whippy for the large flower head. For show purposes it should be staked.

HYBRIDIZER'S NOTE: A word to the wise; BY JUPITER crossed with other powerful varieties is producing the most sensational series of seedlings in our experience.

SHOW RECORD: BY JUPITER has won Best Large Seedling, an American Home Award, Best Large 400, and numerous blue ribbons.

PRICES: 3 Bulbs, L and M	\$ 1.00
10 Assorted Bulbs	2.50
100 Assorted Bulbs	20.00
100 Bulblets	2.00

JAMAICA (596) (80 Days) 1961

(White Goddess X Harold K)

JAMAICA is a big, powerful bronze smoky, lightening to tan in the throat and having a yellow dart on the bottom petal. It has a very lively appearance, is nicely ruffled with heavy substance and good attachment. It regularly makes at least 21 buds and holds 7 open. It has the consistency of a good commercial as well as being valuable for exhibition.

HONESTY NOTE: Like most dark colors, JAMAICA will burn in the hot sun, so cut early. It opens well in water.

HYBRIDIZER'S NOTE: We are growing on seedlings of JAMAICA, derived both from its seed and pollen.

SHOW RECORD: JAMAICA has the almost unique distinction of winning two American Home Awards within one week. It was Best Large Seedling twice and we notice that during the past year it won an award for "Largest Floret".

PRICES: 3 Bulbs, L and M	\$ 1.00
10 Assorted Bulbs	2.50
100 Assorted Bulbs	20.00
100 Bulblets	2.00

PREVIOUS INTRODUCTIONS (MINIATURE)

VIRTUOSO (226) (75 Days) 1962

(Crinkleette X Abracadabra)

VIRTUOSO is a clear rich orange which deepens in the throat. There are no markings to disturb the pure color value. It is nicely ruffled and of heavy texture. VIRTUOSO can make 23 buds and hold 8 open in ideal formal placement.

HONESTY NOTE: When sunny temperatures soar above 90 it is advisable to cut VIRTUOSO early and open it in water, otherwise the bottom florets come out a lighter orange than the upper ones. We have found that young bulbs produce the best show spikes; this year we will ship only new stock.

HYBRIDIZING NOTE: VIRTUOSO is a proven parent, either way.

SHOW RECORD: VIRTUOSO has won four Best Little Seedlings and three Little Champions, in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and at the Eastern International at Corning, N. Y. in 1960.

PRICES: 3 Exhibition Bulbs	\$2.00
10 Assorted Bulbs	5.20
100 Assorted Bulbs	40.00
100 Bulblets	5.00

JINGLE BELLS (258) (75 Days) 1961

(Double Inbreeding of ATOM)

JINGLE BELLS is a black-red ATOM. The color value is exceptionally high. Against the deeper background the famous creamy-white petal edging stands out vividly. The substance is heavier than ATOM and the petals reflex a bit. It will hold 6 open on a 17-19 bud spike. **JINGLE BELLS** is delightful in arrangements.

HONESTY NOTE: Originally we believed **JINGLE BELLS** a very slow propagator. We have now found that it is quite satisfactory in this department and have been able to increase the stock to a point where a drastic drop in price is justified. So this "Honesty Note" is on the plus side.

HYBRIDIZER'S NOTE: **JINGLE BELLS** is proven both ways.

SHOW RECORD: Best Little Seedling N. J. G. S., 1959. **JINGLE BELLS** wins Best Patina almost every time it is shown in this new class, including Eastern International, 1961.

PRICES: 3 Bulbs, L or M	\$ 1.50
10 Assorted Bulbs	4.00
100 Assorted Bulbs	32.00
100 Bulblets	3.00

ABRACADABRA (290) (80 Days) 1961

(Brown Orchid X Sundance)

ABRACADABRA is a light bronze with a clean yellow rib line down the center of the three lower petals. It has a big bud count, 21 to 25 and will hold 8 open in formal placement. It is one of the most consistent performers we have grown, does not crook and is a fabulous propagator. It is greatly in demand for artistic arrangements, where combined with brass, copper or wood it has won many awards, including Best Little Seedling and the American Home Award. **ABRA** is a tremendous parent, passing on all of its most admirable qualities and picking up ruffling.

PRICES: 4 Exhibition Bulbs	\$ 1.00
10 Assorted Bulbs	2.50
100 Assorted Bulbs	20.00
100 Bulblets	2.00

TAWNY (221) (75 Days) 1961

TAWNY is a sister seedling of **ABRACADABRA** and duplicates the growing habits of the latter. Its color is buff with a small, deep rose throat mark. It is a strong parent. It has been used mainly in basket work and arrangements, where it has picked up many awards at shows.

PRICES: Same as **ABRACADABRA**.

WHOLESALE PRICES (F.O.B. NEW HOPE, PA.)

For the first time we are able to offer wholesale prices on some of our introductions. No less than 250 at the 1000 rate.

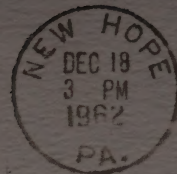
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